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Fiscal Note

HF 2547 – Electrical Licensing and Examining Changes (LSB 5364 HV)
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Description

House File 2547 modifies provisions related to the statewide licensure and certification of electricians and alarm system contractors and installers. The Bill takes effect on enactment.

Background

House File 897 (Electrician Licensure Act) required all electricians to be licensed by January 1, 2008. The Act also required all alarm system contractors and installers to be certified by January 1, 2008. Electrical work and alarm installations become subject to State inspections as of January 1, 2009. The Program is entirely fee supported, which includes licensing, certification, and inspections as outlined in the Act.

As of March 11, 2008, a total of 7,259 license applications had been received. This will result in approximately \$1.2 million in revenue for the Electrician and Installer Licensing and Inspection Fund. To date, \$67,000 in expenditures from the Fund have been authorized. Of the 7,259 applications, 509 applications were for an electrical contractor license generating approximately \$191,000 from the \$375 fee for a three-year license period.

Assumptions

- Assumes an additional 250 electrical contractor licenses will be required for the new provision under HF 2547 requiring a contractor's license for providing electrical contractor services in the State of Iowa.
- The licensing provisions for electrical contractors added in HF 897 implied, but did not specify, the need to have an electrical contractor's license. This language makes it explicit that an electrical contractor's license is required.
- A minimal fee will be charged for the inspector licenses (certificate of qualification) required for both State inspectors by January 1, 2009, and for local inspectors by January 1, 2014. This fee will be set by Administrative Rule.

Fiscal Impact

The added licensing requirements will generate approximately \$94,000 in additional revenue for the Electrician and Installer Licensing and Inspection Fund. The amount of revenue generated from the inspector licenses cannot be determined at this time because the Department has not established the fee amount and the number of local and State inspectors is unknown.

Sources

Department of Public Safety

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
